GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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FUNCTIONING OF POLICE FORCES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any new national policy on the modernization of police forces;

(b) if so,the details thereof including modernisation of State Police Forces;

(c) whether the Government proposes to take initiatives to bring about changes in the functioning, working conditions and duration of duty hours of the police forces;and

(d) if so,the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) & (b): No,Sir.However,the Ministry of Home Affairs has been implementing a Non-plan Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces (MPF scheme) to supplement the efforts of the State Governments in modernizing their police forces.This Scheme is an important initiative of the Ministry of Home Affairs towards capacity building of the State Police Forces, especially for meeting the emerging challenges to internal security in the form of terrorism, naxalism etc.. Some of the major items of police infrastructure covered under the Scheme include modern weaponry, construction of residential and non-residential buildings, mobility,equipment for communication/security/forensic science, strengthening of intelligence branches,training infrastructure facilities etc.. Under the MPF Scheme the State Governments are required to formulate their requirements,which are considered and approved by Ministry of Home Affairs and funds are released thereon.The following are the Central funds released to various States under the MPF Scheme during the last five years:

S.No. Years Amount released (in crore)

1 2004-05 960

2 2005-06 1025

3 2006-07 1065

4 2007-08 1248

5 2008-09 752(#)

(#) as on 30.11.2008

(c) & (d): As "Police" is a State subject as per the VII Schedule to the Constitution of India, it is for the respective State Governments to take initiatives State Governments to take initiatives to bring about changes in the working conditions,functioning and duration of duty hours of the police forces.